(b) whether a decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Out of 41 proposals relating to declaration of new National Highways in Tamil Nadu received during the Ninth Plan, 13 routes with approximate length of 1862 kms. were declared as new National Highways. Remaining proposals would be considered along with similar proposals received from other State Governments, after the finalisation of the 10th Five Year Plan and availability of funds keeping in view the traffic needs and *inter-se* priority.

**Allocation for NHs in Assam**

1297. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and released by Government for construction, maintenance and repairing of various National Highways in the State of Assam during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(b) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The details of funds allocated to the Government of Assam for development and maintenance of various National Highways in the State and progress of expenditure made are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

| | NH (Original Works) | | NH (Maintenance and Repair) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure |
| 2000-2001 | 52.00 | 49.24 | 47.79 | 48.37 |
| 2001-2002 (up to Jan. 2002) | 68.26 | 42.22 (up to Jan. 2002) | 33.99 | 14.69 (up to Jan. 2002) |